

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete paragraph [0018] as follows:

### OBJECTS OF THE INVENTION

~~[0018] It is an object of this invention to provide a topical formulation capable of efficient delivery of a benzimidazole or salicylanilide, in combination with a macrocyclic lactone, to the bloodstream of an animal for broad-spectrum control of endoparasites, such as liver fluke and nematodes, in animals, such as sheep and cattle, with a single, easily applied topical formulation.~~

Please amend paragraph [0019] as follows:

### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0019] Described are topical formulations provided for the efficient delivery of a benzimidazole or salicylanilide, in combination with a macrocyclic lactone, to the bloodstream of an animal for broad-spectrum control of endoparasites, such as liver fluke and nematodes, in animals, such as sheep and cattle, with a single, easily-applied topical formulation. It has now been surprisingly found that a benzimidazole or a salicylanilide, in combination with a macrocyclic lactone, may be formulated into a stable aqueous micellar composition which, when applied topically to an animal, efficiently delivers the desired active constituents to the bloodstream of the animal, and provides effective protection against infestation by endoparasites such as liver fluke and nematodes.